

Application No. 10/596,271
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended): A connector for connecting to ~~the~~ an end of a corrugated conduit, ~~said~~ the corrugated conduit including a plurality of elevated corrugations, said connector comprising:

a connecting section having a longitudinal axis;

an elongated connector portion adapted for insertion extending from said connecting section and insertable into a ~~said~~ the end of ~~a~~ the corrugated conduit, ~~said connector having a longitudinal axis,~~ said connector portion having first and second ends, ~~said connector portion having~~ and a conical section located proximate said first end, said conical section including a ramp surface ~~which slopes~~ sloping radially outwardly in the a direction of said second end;

a clamp extending from said connecting section and spaced radially from said first end of said connector portion, said clamp including an engaging nose which is adapted to move movable into a clamping position wherein said nose fits between two of ~~said~~ the elevated corrugations of the corrugated conduit to thereby prevent ~~said~~ the conduit from being separated from said conduit connector;

a releasing depression provided in said connecting section;

an arresting depression provided in said clamp; and

a sliding bushing surrounding said connecting section, said sliding bushing movable between a release position in which said sliding bushing is disposed in said releasing depression and said engaging nose is movable into said clamping position, and a locking position

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in which said sliding bushing is disposed in said arresting depression and said engaging nose is prevented from moving out of said clamping position.

8. (currently amended): The connector according to claim 7 Claim 7, wherein said connector portion further includes a radially outwardly extending retaining surface adjacent said ramp surface, said retaining surface facing said second end and being directed at a greater angle relative to said longitudinal axis of said connector portion than said ramp surface.

9. (currently amended): The connector of claim 8 Claim 8, including two at least a pair of said ramp surfaces and two at least a pair of said retaining surfaces.

10. (currently amended): The connector of claim 7 Claim 7, further including an annular elastic sealing body surrounding said connector portion for sealing a said the corrugated conduit to said connector.

11. (currently amended): The connector of claim 7 Claim 7, wherein said clamp comprises two clamping brackets disposed parallel to said longitudinal axis on respective opposite sides of said connector portion, one of said brackets including said engaging nose.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended): The connector according to claim 7 Claim 7, wherein said connector comprises a depression located in an outer surface thereof, and said clamp comprises a C-shaped snap ring received within said depression, said C-shaped snap ring including said engaging nose on an inner face thereof, a depression located in an outer surface of said connector, said snap ring adapted to be disposed into said depression.